

CHAPTER NO. 227

HOUSE BILL NO. 1039

By Representatives Winningham, Brenda Turner, Cooper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1090

By Senator Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(e), relative to the State Board of Education and planning time for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (e)(2) in its entirety and substituting instead:

(e)

(2) The board shall develop and adopt rules and regulations providing teachers in kindergarten through grade twelve (K – 12) with duty-free planning periods during the established instructional day. The rules shall provide for annual reporting to the state department of LEA compliance by board policy or negotiations with a recognized professional employees' organization. At least two and one-half (2½) hours of planning time shall be provided each week during which teachers shall have no other assigned duties or responsibilities, other than planning for instruction. The two and one-half (2½) hours may be divided on a daily or other basis. Duty-free planning time shall not occur during any period that teachers are entitled to duty-free lunch. Any LEA which is providing a duty-free planning period by extending the school day by thirty (30) minutes as of the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year may continue such practice and satisfy the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 10, 2001


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2001


DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR